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THE WEATHER TO-DAY-FAIR.

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Speaker Proposes Amendments to His Existing Law.

INCREASES AREA OF PROHIBITION

Prohibits Licenses in Towns of Less Than 1,000 People-Resolution Offered for Investigation of V. P. I .- Popular Election of Commissioners Opposed.

Extending slightly the zone of ab prohibition, eliminating the near-beer section, prohibiting saloons within a certain number of feet of institutions of learning, and adding to quors is issued, Speaker Richard Eve-lyn Byrd yesterday introduced into the House a bill amending and re-enacting the far-famed Byrd liquor bull, 1993

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Secondir, the near-beer section is cut out eatirely. There will be arrester no law under which manufa turers of beer with small fractonal amounts of alcohol can sell the 'product in dry communities. The law as to the sale of cider is slightly modified. In the third place, the bill prohibits a saloon within 402 feet of any school, college or university in the State.

Lastly, it provides that the person to whom license is issued must be not only a citizen and qualified voter in the community, but must also pay taxes on either real or personal property.

Fighr Will Come.

That there will be opposition to this bill in committee and on the floor of the House there can be little doubt. A number of small towns which are now dry, but which expect to vote wet.

be at the top, with his bill enacted and

taxes on sellers of liquor. This, how-ever, has been discounted as news be-cause of the fact that a bill making the same increases is now pending in the Senate and has been fully ex-The standing of social clubs remains

The standing of social clubs remains practically the same in the new Byrd bill as in the old.

Joint Assembly To-Day.

Both houses of the Legislature will meet at 11 o'clock to-day, instead of at noon, as usual. It is expected that no public business other than the insurpration core auguration ceremonies will be trans

In the Senate yesterday four bills were passed, all of them general in their interest. One was the House bill prohibiting indecent language; another

prohibiting indecent language; another the Holland bill increasing the license taxes on foreign corporations; another the Owen bill regulating the sale of foodstuffs, and the last recommends the University of Virginia to the Carnegie Foundation.

Thirteen House bills passed the lower body without opposition, all of them local or minor measures. This cleaned up the third reading bills on the calendary. Second reading bills were started on, but the House for the second time ran up against and balked at the Throckmorton bill providing indeterminate sentences for criminals, and promptly adjourned.

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COL. SWOPE'S DEATH SPIRITS GOING UP

Doctors Give Verdict and Paris Boulevards Once Criminal Action Will Follow.

SUITFOR DAMAGES FACING PROBLEMS

Dr. B. C. Hyde, Accused of Murder of Millionaire, Asks \$100,ooo for Slander - Wife Is Loyal to Him, Arraying Herself Against Her

Chleago, Ill., January 31.-Strychnine was found throughout the viscera the Kansas City millionaire, according to a report made by Drs. Waiter S. Haines, Ludwig Hektoen and Victor C. Vaughan to John G. Paxton, executor of the Swope estate, here, to-day. The same poison is also believed to have been found in the liver of Chrisman Swope, a nephew of Colonel Swope, but it was announced that the examination of his organs had not been completed to the satisfaction of the toxicologists and would be continued. It is said that briminal prosecution will follow.

Of the flood, and the boulevards are once more gay with rejoicing thousands. With the crisis passed, the mercurial French temperament faces the same poison is also believed to have built at the papers already are sounding a note of warning that the lesson must not be forgotten: that measures must be taken to avoid a repetition of the concluding and the boulevards are once more gay with rejoicing thousands.

January 15 Mr. Paxton "falsely and maliclously and intending to vex, oppress, impoverish and wholly ruin" Dr. Hyde, made statements that Dr. Hyde was gully of poisoning Chrisman Swope and Thomas H. Swope.

Mr. Paxton has been the Swope counselor for many years.

Dr. Hyde is related by marriage to the Swope having married the daugh-

OFFERED IN HOUSE CAUSED BY POISON ASFLOODS GO DOWN

More Gay With Rejoicing Thousands.

FILED BY SUSPECT WITH LIGHT HEARTS

Small Part of Horror and Agony During Past Few Days Will Ever Be Known-Government May Build Conduit to Avoid Repetition of Disaster.

FRANCIS ACCEPTS OFFICE

Swope, to contract typhold fever."

Stands by Her Husband.

Dr. E. C. Hyde and his wife, the niece of Colonel Swope, this afternoon, for the first time since the publication of the question regarding the cause of illness and death in the Swope family, broke silence. Each issued a statement, both of them issued a statement, both of them issued.

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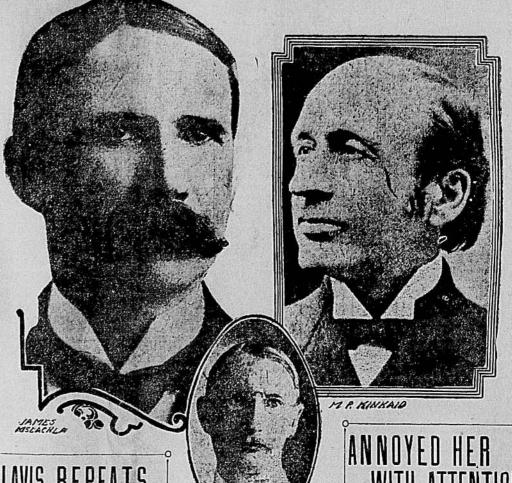
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could not perform the ceremony untihe had secured the bishop's sanction. Bishop Van de Vyver agreed to the marriage by long distance telephone. Miss Thornpeake, whose home has been in Manchester and Ricmmond, left here for Roanoke Saturday night, A telegram from Roanoke confirms the marriage, and it is stated that the couple will remain in that city until the bridegroom has notified his parents of his wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Martinez may spend the summer in Costa Rica.

PEONAGE IN TEXAS

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Fearful Condition of Affairs Said to Exist.

Washington, January 31.—Information in possession of the government, while not so specific as to details, bears out the reports of a fearful condition of affairs alleged to exist on the Koppe plantation, in Burison county Tex., resuiting from peonage practices. Peonage is a penitentiary offense and vigorous efforts are being made to apprehend and bring to justice those responsible for the shocking state of affairs, which, it is declared, has prevailed. Forty witnesses in all have or will be called to testify before the Federal grand jury in Austin, which is investigating the charges. This work will be completed early in the present week. Indictments already have been found in several cases. The investigations by the Federal government have been under way since November, and complaints of peonage at places in Burison county, other than the Koppe plantation, will be looked into, while allegations of a more general character, of its existence in other places in the State have been brought to the attention of the government.

MILLION FOR EDUCATION

o'clock this afternoon.

Eight bodies have been recovered, and rescue parties are making deady before the shaft is cleared and the main shaft.

Three men were killed at the mouth of the mine is at the mine slope by the force of the explosion.

Both fans with which the mine is mossible to enter the mine until they were repaired at 7320 c'clock to-night.

Five Hodies Found.

As soon as the fans were repaired General Superintendent G. F. Thompson and a rescue party entered by, the

Campbell Kirby Charged With Interfering With Miss Lillian Hall.

RELATIVE CALLED TO HELP

H. A. Doty Comes Up From Newport News, and Long Story Is Unfolded.

Campbell Kirby, of 1511 Grove Avenue, was arrested last night by Policeman Thurman on a warrant syoon out by H. A. Doty, charging him with interfering with Miss Lillian H.I. at the Main Street Station, and belind the warrant is said to lie a long rory of continued annoyance on the part of Kirby, who is a storecutter by trade.

having been committed on the premises of Mr. Doty, from which Kirby had been debarred.

Upon arriving in Richmond the attentions of Kirby were, it is alleged, still forced on Miss Hall, and she telegraphed to Mr. Doty to come up to relieve her, if he could, of the annoyance. He responded to his relative's can for help, and arrived in Richmond yesterday evening. After getting here he went to police headquarters, where Squire R. C. Duke was summoned. The magistrate heard the evidence, and his grandchildren, properly.

In reply to the accusations of hatred artillman family, young Mrs. Tillman introduced contradictory affidavits in rolling for the could contradictory affidavits in opens with "I." the Senator Saying, "I am now nearly sixty-three years old, and this is the first time that I have appeared in a court of justice as a dependent of a plaintiff; and I would not be here now if I had not been dragged here."

The senator goes on to say: "Speak-

BIG PRICE FOR SILENCE

During Seven Years Warriner Paid Mrs. Stewart-Ford \$84,000.

Cincinnail, O., January 31.—Eightyfour thousand dollars was the price
Charles L. Warriner, defaulting local
treasurer of the Big Four Railroad,
paid for a woman's slience. Fearing
exposure of his shortcomings, he gave
Mrs. Jeanette Stewart-Ford an average
of \$1.000 a month for seven years,
the payments stopping only when the
exposure came from other sources November 2 last.
Such was the substance of the startling testimony which Warriner gave
to-day at the trial of Mrs. Ford on a
charge of blackmalling him.

Mrs. Ford sat through the recital
with immobile countenance. Twice
only during the day did she allow
her feelings to show. The first instance came before Warriner appeared,
when Judge Swing ordered her two
children removed from the court room.
Mrs. Ford's second ordeal came when
letters were introduced by the State,
which she had written to Edgar S.
Cooke, formerly an employe in the
Big Four Railway offices here. The
missives mentioned visits she had made
to "W." and were couched in the most
endearing terms. Her infatuation for
Cooke was clearly revealed, and, as her
declarations of affection were read to
the jury, Mrs. Ford shook and tears
streamed down her cheeks.

Warriner testified that the initials
in the letters referred to him.

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"NIGHT RIDERS" ON RAMPAGE

Reign of Terror Exists in Georgia County, and Negroes Are Leaving.
Atlanta, Ga., Ianuary 31.—According to reports received here, a reign of the result of the second second second districts in Several districts in Columbia county as the result of the activities of a hand of "night riders," and Many negro property owners have advertised their property for sale, and are leaving the country.

It is said that one negro has been shot to death by the band, others ordered to leave within a few hours' time. Two the churches also have been burned.

No arrests have been made, and there seems to be no clue as to the identity of the members of the band, of Governor Brown to-day addressed a letter to the officials of the county, asking for information sa to the situation.

AGAINST HIS WILL

Senator Tillman Makes Reply in Suit Brought by Son's Wife.

BOTH FIGHT FOR HER CHILDREN

He Disparages Her Fitness to Rear Offspring, and Asks That They Be Permitted to Remain With Him-Great Crowd Present at Hearing.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Columbia, S. C., January 31.—Submitting an affidavit in reply to the
petition of his daughter-in-law, Mrs.
B. R. Tillman, Jr., asking for the
custody of her two infant children
that read as a letter, with no such
words as "deponent" and kindred legal
terms, but with "I" prominent throughout, Senator B. R. Tillman, in the
South Carolina Supreme Court, to-day
resisted the appeal of a mother asking for her babes.

No decision was rendered, but tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock the
court will reconvene, and it is probable
that an order will be filed then.

Just before the court adjourned this
afternoon attorneys for Mrs. Tillman,
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Just before the court adjourned this afternoon attorneys for Mrs. Tiliman, Jr., asked for a temporary order giving the possession of the children to the mother until the final settlement of the case is made, but the court stated that all matter submitted would be considered in the interim between the adjournment and the reconvening of the court to-morrow morning.

Doors Are Locked.

Hearings in the supreme Court assets.

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Hearings in the supreme Court are usually sparsely attended, with only attorneys and perchance a few people in attendance, but to-day the doors were locked to avoid a suffocating audience, and hundreds, including many women, were turned back. In the large audience were many women, relatives and friends of the parties to the suit.

Mrs. B. R. Tillman, Jr., was present, sitting on one side of the courtroom, while on the other were seated Senator Tillman, his wife, and son. B. R. Tillman, Jr., the father of the children in dispute, and the husband of the petitioner.

The first business of the day was the reading of the petition in which young Mrs. Tillman asks for the two children. With the petition were over read to show that the mother is capable and able to rear and nurture her chilling were read, the amswer of the respondents was read.

This answer denies every charge except that of the drinking of B. R. Tillman, Jr. The point was raised and stressed that young Mrs. Tillman family and had taught her children to dislike the family.

The return was formal, but the let-

married man.

Further allegations charge that Kirby got into trouble by using the United States mails to force his attentions on Miss Hall, but that the trouble was smoothed over.

Line to myself and my wife, who is the other respondent in this cause, I askill dismiss the usual jargon of law which couches such papers in the third person and use either the first person singular or the first person plural."

In this love

an tells his side of the affair, denying that he has refused to assist in the reformation of his son admitting that he had gone from had to worse after he commenced drinking. He said in his affidavit that he had begged his daughter-in-law to assist them in making a sober and good man out of the son and husband.

In similar strain the letter continues to the end. The Senator continues to the end.

"Our son, as is natural, is most deeply concerned about the future of his two little daughters. He felt his own inability to care for them properly, and naturally turned to his own

"He said: 'Take them and care for them and give them whatever you would have given me, I am able to take care of myself.' Knowing all of the conditions, we have assumed the trust and will faithfully carry out its obligations."

The affidavit of B. R. Tillman, Jr., is in legal form and has deponent sub-stituted for the "I" of his father. In this he denies the allegations in the

this he denies the allegations in the petition except the drinking to excess, which he admits. In addition to these affidavits several depositions from eight Edgefield county people were filed, all attesting the character of Senator Tillman and his wife.

Claims of Mother.

With the reading of these the respondents completed their case. The petitioner then introduced a number of affidavits in support of her claims that sho is fit to rear the children. She also submitted two affidavits made by herself, in which she sets out, by the presentation of letters, the feelings of the Tillman family toward her, which she alleges was hostile in the extreme. This she undertakes to show by producing copies of letters from Senator Tillman, Mrs. Tillman, Sr., and Miss Sophie Tillman. She also recited the conditions of the agreement on which she consented to live with her husband. Among the stipulations was one that Mrs. B. R. Tillman, Jr., should not be required to exchange visits with her parents-in-law.

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HUNDRED VICTIMS CLAIMED BY EXPLOSION IN COAL MINE

Camp at Primero Turned Into Scene of Horror by Disaster. Rescuers Working Frantibodles. cally.

main air shaft, but were unable to bodied man is taking his turn with reach the main shaft, which is com-pletely blocked. The party returned women and children, kept back by to the surface after securing five ropes, have gathered about the shaft, bodies which were badly burned. weeping and calling wildly upon their

A party equipped with oxygen hel- loved ones who have not been found, mets replaced this party, the workings were reached through the air the State have gathered to assist Sushaft, and is now searching for more perintendent Thompson.

Election of Commissioners.

An important committee decision was arrived at by the House Committee on Privileges and Elections, which reported unfavorably the Bell bill for the election of State Corporation Commissioners by the vote of the people. Bills employing additional counsel to fight West Virginia in the State debt case, making allowance to the Virginia Home and Industrial School for Girls, and making an emergency appropriation for pensions, were favorably reported to the House, Captain Junius W. Williams, of Southampton county, who has been very fill, appeared yesterday for the first time during the present session and took the cath of office. He received a warm welcome.

The House did not seem to like the Senate bill allowing the remarriage of divorced persons, and passed it by, It proveded an earnest speeth from Mr. Cooke, of Norfolk.

V. P. I. Investigation.

Senato Gravatt, of Caroline, intro-Miners were rushed to Primero from

party as soon as butterles for electric lights arrive by special train. Members of the first rescue party say that the effect of the explosion underground is indescribable. The

Experts from all the coal camps of

A. G. French, superintendent of the

Wooten mines, and J. E. Min. y, mine

inspector, will head another rescue